

§ 1076.6 Supply plant.

Supply plant means a plant from which milk or skim milk acceptable to an appropriate health authority for distribution in the marketing area under a Grade A label, is shipped during the month to a pool plant qualified pursuant to § 1076.7(a).

§ 1076.7 Pool plant.

Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section, *pool plant* means:

(a) A distributing plant from which route disposition, except filled milk, equals not less than 35 percent of the Grade A milk received at such plant from dairy farmers, handlers described in § 1076.9(c), and supply plants and not less than 15 percent of such receipts is disposed of as route disposition, except filled milk, in the marketing area.

(b) A supply plant from which the volume of fluid milk products, except filled milk, transferred to pool distributing plants is not less than the applicable percentage, specified in paragraph (b)(1)(i), (ii) or (iii) of this section, of Grade A milk received at such supply plant from dairy farmers (including milk diverted therefrom by the plant operator) and handlers described in § 1076.9(c).

(1) The applicable percentage for the purpose of this paragraph shall be:

(i) 35 percent for the current month;

(ii) 35 percent for the 12-month period immediately preceding the current month; or

(iii) One or more shipments in each of the months of March through July if shipments were not less than 50 percent during each of the immediately preceding months of September through November.

(c) Any plant located in the marketing area or in any county adjacent to the marketing area that meets an applicable shipping standard described in paragraph (b) of this section, subject to the following conditions:

(1) A cooperative association that operates a supply plant may include as qualifying shipments its deliveries to pool distributing plants directly from farms of producers pursuant to § 1076.9(c).

(2) A proprietary handler may include as qualifying shipments milk di-

verted pursuant to § 1076.13 to pool distributing plants.

(d) The term “pool plant” shall not apply to the following plants:

(1) A producer-handler plant;

(2) A plant qualified as a pool plant pursuant to this section:

(i) From which a lesser volume of fluid milk products, except filled milk, is disposed of in the Eastern South Dakota marketing area either as route disposition or to pool plants qualified on the basis of route disposition than in the marketing area of another order issued pursuant to the Act or to other order plants qualified on the basis of route disposition; and

(ii) Such milk would be subject to the class price and producer payment provisions of the other order upon being made exempt from this part;

(3) For the period of March through July, inclusive, if the operator of a plant qualified pursuant to paragraph (b)(1)(iii) of this section submits a request to the market administrator in writing that such plant not be a pool plant, such nonpool status will be effective the first month following such notice and such plant shall thereafter be a nonpool plant until it again qualifies as a pool plant on the basis of the shipping requirements of 35 percent or more as set forth in this section;

(4) That portion of a plant that is physically apart from the Grade A portion of such plant, is operated separately and is not approved by any health authority for receiving, processing, or packaging of any fluid milk product for Grade A disposition; and

(5) A governmental agency plant.

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§ 1076.8 Nonpool plant.

Nonpool plant means any milk or filled milk receiving, manufacturing, or processing plant other than a pool plant. The following categories of nonpool plants are further defined as follows:

(a) *Other order plant* means a plant that is fully subject to the pricing and pooling provisions of another order issued pursuant to the Act.

(b) *Producer-handler plant* means a plant operated by a producer-handler